



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
US ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL DEFENSE  
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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MD 21010-5400

MCMR-CDH-H

12 June 2006

MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Information Memorandum

1. **Purpose:** The United States Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD) is hosting the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland from 1700, 13 August, through 1700, 20 August 2006. The GAFPB program was introduced in the 1970s and was established to recognize and reward those soldiers in the German Armed Forces who possessed superior physical abilities. United States Armed Forces Soldiers are authorized to compete individually in the GAFPB and wear the badge on the Class A, Class B, and Dress Blue Uniform.

2. **Event Description:** The GAFPB is a multi-day competition. It consists of track and field, swimming, marksmanship, and road-march events. Competitors will be able to qualify for one of three different badges: gold, silver, or bronze. Both track and field and swimming events are a pass/fail basis only. Failure of any of these events will result in removal from the competition. The marksmanship and road-march events will determine which badge the competitor will earn. The complete event list with exact standards and rules is located in Annex C.

3. **Registration:** The USAMRICD has 75 slots available. The applications will be selected based on earliest arrival date at the USAMRICD. No more than ten applications will be allowed per unit without prior approval. It is extremely important that units select only the most qualified Soldiers to compete.

4. **Training:** The GAFPB consists of extremely strenuous events and will greatly challenge every Soldier participating. Competitors must be prepared for each event prior to arrival. No practice time will be granted before events begin. Proper warm-up will be provided by the instructors prior to the testing of events.

5. **Profiles:** Soldiers with temporary profiles will not be allowed to participate in the GAFPB. All permanent profiles will be reviewed by their posts medical facilities. Profiles will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The evaluating medical officer must make a recommendation for participation before the case will be considered for competition.

6. **Uniforms:** Each event requires a different uniform. The USAMRICD will **NOT** provide replacement uniforms or equipment to any participant. Soldiers must bring

everything required to complete in the GAFPB. Soldiers who may need TA-50 should identify their needs in the notes/comments section of the registration form. A complete list of uniform and equipment requirements is provided in Annex E.

7. **Medical Support:** Medical personnel will be available at all event locations for immediate problems during the competition. Local military medical facilities will be used for sick call and medical emergencies. Line of Duty reports must be submitted to the individual's assigned unit for any medical treatment. Participants must provide their own medications.

8. **Coordinating Instructions:**

a. Air Travel: **Participants are required to provide their own transportation to and from the Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport in Baltimore, MD and must arrive at the designated hotel on 13 August 2006 NLT 1500HRS.** The participants must arrange their own transportation to/from the airport to/from the designated hotel. If participants are not authorized a rental car, then they may arrange travel through taxi services.

b. POV Travel: Participants may drive a POV or obtain a rental car if desired, although it is the individual's or the applicable unit's responsibility to provide funding. The USAMRICD will not be held liable for any accidents or damages incurred during the event to personal property. Drivers must report to the designated hotel NLT 1500, 13 August 2006.

c. During the Event: Transportation during the event will **NOT** be provided by the USAMRICD. Participants will be allowed POV transportation to/from the event sites.

d. Departure: The USAMRICD will not provide transportation to/from Aberdeen Proving Ground to the airport. Participants are required to provide their own transportation from the BWI airport to their home station and must schedule travel no earlier than 1700. Individuals driving POV or rental cars may depart anytime after the GAFPB activities are completed.

e. Lodging: Best Western of Edgewood MD is the lodging of choice. Please make sure **participants make own reservations** by calling 1-800-408-4748 or online at [www.hesshotels.com](http://www.hesshotels.com) and make sure they mention that they are part of the GAFPB group. Participants must make room reservations as soon as they have been approved for travel. The Best Western Inn is going through renovation at the moment but they ensure a comfortable stay.

f. Orders: All participants should be on orders to cover the cost of travel, lodging costs, and cost of meals.

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g. Meals: All participants should receive per diem to cover costs for all meals. All meals will be on your own and available at various on-post and off-post locations.

**9. Points of Contact:**

a. Registration, further information and copies of this form: (410) 436-1499 or email [GAFPB@amedd.army.mil](mailto:GAFPB@amedd.army.mil)

b. General information, NCOIC: SGT Diana McCleary (410) 436-1499 or email: [GAFPB@amedd.army.mil](mailto:GAFPB@amedd.army.mil)

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1. Annex A: Registration Form
2. Annex B: Pre-registration form
3. Annex C: Event List
4. Annex D: Daily Schedule
5. Annex E: Uniform/Equipment

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